

## LAKE CHAUNCY (Westboro)

## General Information:

Lake Chauncy is a moderately large, natural great pond of 185 acres. Its average depth is 14 feet with a maximum depth of 20 feet over a considerable area. The shores are lightly wooded and shoreline development is quite limited since Westboro State Hospital land and the Westboro Wildlife Management Area border much of the lake.

The bottom is predominantly muck with about 15% consisting of rubble, sand and gravel. Aquatic vegetation is generally less than average, occurring principally in shallow coves along the western and northerly shores, but it appears to be increasing. Access for boating is available at a gravel ramp off Lyman Street with parking for 10 to 15 cars. Shore access is available along the southern, eastern and northern shores on Westboro Wildlife Management Area property.

## Fish Populations:

A 1994 summer survey indicated that the following species were present: largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, white and yellow perch, chain pickerel, brown and yellow bullheads, golden shiners and landlocked alewives. This lake has been stocked with northern pike and tiger muskies since 1988.

## Fishing:

Largemouth bass are abundant and provide excellent fishing. Bass cover consists of weed beds and fallen trees and is especially productive along the northern shore. An occasional smallmouth may be caught along the rocky southern shore.

Northern pike and tiger muskies grow to large size and provide a challenging angling opportunity, though most are taken by ice fishermen. Open water fishermen should pursue these trophies with large lures and baits off the edge of weed beds.

Panfish are abundant and grow to good size in this fertile lake. Bullheads are of particularly good size with many exceeding one pound.

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